

REMARKS

Claims 11, 15, 21, 26, and 30 through 33 are in the application, with claims 11, 15, 21, and 26 having been amended, claims 13, 17, 23, and 28 having been cancelled, and claims 30 through 33 having been added. Claims 11, 15, 21, and 26 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 13, 17, 23, and 28 contain allowable subject matter. The subject matter of claims 13, 17, 23, and 28 has been added to their respective independent claims. As a result, amended independent claims 11, 15, 21, and 26 are believed to be in condition for allowance.



CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-4982.

Respectfully submitted,

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